

Carson House
Almaden, California

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CARSON HOUSE (Residence)
Almaden, Santa Clara County, California

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Owner: Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Healy, Oakland, California.

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Date of Erection: 1845-1860.

Architect: Unknown.

Builder: Original adobe portion built by Indian labor.

Present Condition: Well preserved.

Number of Stories: One.

Materials of Construction: Adobe walls plastered, wood floors,
roof of wood frame and shingled,
interior walls sheathed with wood
and plastered, tile walks in garden.

Other Existing Records: Data obtained from the present owners.

For general history see H.A.B.S. survey
data on New Almaden Mine.

Additional Data: The original house built of adobe consisted of
three rooms, to which frame additions were made about 1860. In
addition to the Carson family and their descendents, the house
has been occupied at various times by employees and executives
of the New Almaden Mine. It is said to have been visited by
General John C. Fremont in 1846.

The house is now used by its present owners as a weekend cottage
and contains some interesting furniture and relics.

The settlement in which it is located is now known as Almaden,
but formerly was called Hacienda. Water was furnished to the
community by a small open ditch, or secqua, which ran along be-
tween the sidewalk and the street. Wooden pipes conducted the
water into the houses from the secqua.

Additional Data: (Cont.)

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